To all to whom these presents shall come, the under signed Delegates of the State of South Carolina, do send salutation.

In the name of the United States of America in Congress assembled, on the third day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty three, and in the second year of Independence of the same, agree to and subscribe to the following Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union, between the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia.

Article I. All legislative powers of the Government of the United States shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which Congress shall consist of two Houses, viz. the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Article II. Each State shall have one vote. A quorum for the Congress of the United States shall consist of a member or members from two-thirds of the States, and a member or members thereof shall be chosen every second year.

Article III. The said States hereby mutually enter into a firm league of friendship with each other, for their common defense, the security of their liberties, and the mutual and general welfare, binding them, and each of them, to assist each other against all force offered to, or attack made upon, any one or more, on account of religious profession, trade, or any other just pretext whatever.

Article IV. All debts, private and public, existing under the Confederation, shall be as valid as if they were obligations for public credit; and no distinct law shall be passed for impairing the obligations of contracts; nor shall any preference be bp given by any means whatever to public debts in any manner whatever.

Article V. The Congress shall have the sole and exclusive权 to dispose of and assign all unappropriated lands and dependencies belonging to the United States, and the direction of all other public property.

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Article X. Not the more convenient management of the general